

### Albuquerque Boys

There is to be tomorrow evening a preliminary contest to select a representative of the Albuquerque high school, who will participate in the territorial oratorical contest to be held in this city during the last week of the month, which will be during the session here of the New Mexico Educational association.

The contestants tomorrow night, according to the published list, will consist of three girls and a Christian. Besides of Cicero and Demosthenes, and of American orators living and dead, hide your faces at the fact that Albuquerque, the metropolis of New Mexico, cannot produce a single high school American boy to take part in an oratorical contest! Surely, the institution of those contests comes none too soon; and it is greatly to be desired that the Albuquerque girls shall to quicken the sense of shame and so kindle the promptings of ambition that a similar state of case shall never again disgrace the records of the Duke City.

America is known the world over as the land of orators. Why shouldn't it be? Every man, however humble, has a voice in public affairs. Every free American citizen is born to be an orator, if he chooses. Free speech is the right of all, and there are times when it becomes a duty. Oratory, particularly political oratory, is the bright star by which the destinies of our nation are guided. There are times in which the man who can make speeches, and won't be recreant in the obligations of citizenship; but there never is a time, and probably never will be, when American boys should cease to covet earnestly and labor diligently for this noble accomplishment. The press, it is true, has somewhat curtailed the field of oratory's usefulness; yet there remains a vast domain in which oratory reigns supreme and unapproachable. A spoken address, properly conceived, expressed and delivered, appeals to the intellect, the emotions, and the will—the three fundamental parts of human intellectuality—as no written article ever has or ever will.

While oratory, fortunately, has in few places reached the nadir of neglect to which it seems to have sunk in Albuquerque, so eminent a public speaker as Dr. Edward Everett Hale believes that American oratory has not yet attained to the zenith of its glory. He thinks that young men should devote themselves more than they do to political speaking. He advises youngsters to study the art, whether they are to become professional speakers or not. The young American with common school education who cannot make a speech on any ordinary subject at a moment's notice, Dr. Hale contends, is wanting in one of the most important attributes of the American makeup. On the art of becoming a speaker Dr. Hale quotes Dr. Orville Dewey, one of the great preachers of an early day. "He charges us," says Hale, "to learn to speak extempore; and when I timidly asked him how a man was to do that, Dewey said with almost oracular seriousness, 'Speak whenever anybody is fool enough to ask you.'" The process is worth trying persistently. Every young American ought to train himself to speak in public. He may be the blacksmith of a country village or a clerk in a city store; he ought to be able at a public meeting to give to his neighbors his views upon any public question that is before them. All great orators agree that there is no royal road to fluent and forcible speech. The only way to learn to do the thing is to do it—speak whenever anybody is fool enough to ask you."

### The Water Report

A. S. Riffe, the expert employed by the city council some months ago to examine and report on the value of the present water supply system and the approximate cost of a new and modern plant, has made his report to the special committee, and they presented it to the city council last evening.

The substance of Mr. Riffe's report is that the present plant cost \$112,558, that it could be reproduced for \$250,750, and that it is now worth \$258,064; and that the cost of a new plant would be \$333,566.

It must be confessed that the report of Mr. Riffe was very much of a surprise, and that it deserves a vastly more careful consideration than any one in Albuquerque has thus far been able to give it. That he differs in about the ratio of six to one, from the estimate of Colonel Jastro, who recently established a new and up-to-date plant in Bakersfield, California, a town similar to Albuquerque, and whose experience enabled him to place an estimate upon a new plant for Albuquerque at not more than \$100,000, is one strong reason why the new estimate should be carefully studied before action is taken upon it. The present value of the present plant is also a question on which expert testimony, no doubt, would be found at variance.

But the greatest objection to the report, on the first glance, is that it gives no estimate of the cost of water production, which is really the basic question in this whole matter. Can water be developed in Albuquerque, in exhaustive quantity, for the cost of from one to five cents per thousand gallons, with cheap electric power, or cannot water be developed by any system except the antiquated and generally abandoned system of steam pumping, the exposed, cemented reservoirs and pipes of distribution? The expert considers only this antiquated, and often superseded, system in his estimates of a new plant, and he says nothing concerning the cost of producing water by that system or indeed by any other. The Indian school, in the suburbs of town, has been able to develop an abundant supply of water, with a small plant, and at about one cent per thousand gallons. Mr. Riffe, who has had many years of practical experience in water development, says that water in any quantity can be procured in this valley at a cost not to exceed four or five cents per thousand gallons.

The cost of water is the vital question. If the people can be supplied with cheap water, that is what they want. If the present company cannot supply them with cheap water for any reason, then the people have no interest in what the present plant cost, in what it is now worth, or in what another one of the same kind could be constructed for. They want cheap water, and they want to know what would be the cost of an up-to-date, modern, sanitary system, which can give them cheap water.

### The Direct Way

One thing maintained by President Roosevelt is the inability of state governments to cope with the corporations doing an interstate business. These corporations, he says, "occupy the position of subjects without a sovereign." He claims it underscores the responsibility of the federal government. He wants laws at once to make it possible to adequately curb the too great license of the big corporations.

Nothing is truer than the president's assertion that the states have been powerless to regulate interstate commerce. In the matter of rate regulation, which the president insists is most urgent, state courts and railroad commissions have from time to time made rulings and decrees; have investigated, exonerated, admonished and generally acted according to their various best judgments and with what result?

The citizen wishes to congratulate the special committee of the city council, consisting of Dr. G. W. Harrison and Messrs. A. E. Walker and Louis Hild, on the admirable report they made on the social evil in Albuquerque; and this paper heartily endorses the action of the council in adopting the report, and instructing the city attorney to draw up an ordinance in conformity therewith. The committee certainly studied the problem thoroughly and wisely, and their nine propositions could not be improved upon. The removal of this nuisance from the heart of the city has been demanded by the good of the city for many years.

### President

Stern, Schloss & Co. today received a card of greeting from the money king, who is right toward home and president as to whether the railroads will control the government of the country.

All the newspapers in the country which peddle their influence to the money king will be found on the side of the railroad kings. All the big trusts which set lower rates than their small competitors, and are seized by the railroad kings to kill competition, will be on the side of the railroad kings. All the political bosses in both parties who have influence to sell will find a ready market for it, and will be on the side of the railroad kings. All of the millionaires who made their pile out of political, industrial, commercial or financial graft, and whose business it is to flinch from the money king, all the products of his toil save a bare existence for himself and family, will be on the side of the railroad kings. All of the labor leaders who are in the movement for what is called in selling out their fellow workers to the greedy non-producers of society will be on the side of the railroad kings. And all of these birds of a feather and plumage will work together to build up what public sentiment they can among the people hostile to the president's policy. For all of them know that the greatest power in this country, or anywhere else on earth, is the power of the people.

Already the cunning millions of greed are at work building up this hostile sentiment. Already we hear the talk that "any interference with the earning power of railroads will be detrimental to the railroad employees." We have heard that talk before. It is the same old game. And the theory is, that if employees will protect their employers in the absolute right to pay what wages they please, the employers, in the goodness of their hearts, will please to pay their obliging employees handsomely.

### New Side Light

The Citizen has been informed that a prominent democrat in this city has received a letter from a prominent democrat in Washington, conveying the information that Messrs. Luna and Bursum, representing the territorial republican organization of New Mexico, secured the renomination of so many of the present incumbents in office, on the distinct understanding with the president, that if the joint statehood bill passes congress the republican organization of the territory shall then work for the bill instead of against it. In other words, the republican organization as such and the men who compose it, together with the reappointed officials, shall abstain from efforts to defeat joint statehood when it comes before the people for acceptance.

Three things The Citizen has firmly believed for some time: The question is joint statehood or nothing; the president and his supporters in congress having made joint statehood an administration measure, the president would not nominate to office active opponents of his own measure, and thereby increase the probability of defeat for the plan he had proposed; there is too much patriotism and good sense in the republicans of New Mexico, alike in its organization and office-holders, for them to oppose statehood when it becomes fully manifest that jointure is the only kind procurable, even though they are ardent supporters of single statehood as their first choice.

The Citizen, therefore, is by no means surprised at, or incredulous as to the information received by the Albuquerque democrat from his friend.

### Truth Fully Admitted.

It is not often that a newspaper gets reckless and gives away the motives and practices of those by whom it is employed. Hence, the Phoenix Enterprise is worthy of some commendation when it says:

"It is encouraging to see all the railroads and big mining companies in Arizona fighting against the joint statehood bill. The Enterprise warned these people several months ago that if they did not want to be subjected to New Mexico legislation, wherein their taxes would be raised 1,000 per cent, they had better move in the matter, but Walter Douglas and his people were too busy trying to remove Governor Kibbey and fighting to prevent paying their just taxes to live heed to this important matter, but now that the woods are being shelled and the enemy advancing, these men are shrieking about 'injustice.' Well, there is one thing certain, that if Arizona and New Mexico are joined, the producing mines of Arizona will go on the tax roll for at least \$100,000,000, and the railroads will be raised in proportion. Now if these corporations can stand this, the people surely can. So it is up to them to get into the harness and WORK."

That they are working—working openly, by bribery and corruption of every kind—both in Arizona and at Washington City, the telegrams from day to day leave no shadow of doubt. The lobby of these interests, at Washington, is the most open and daring in its schemes of corruption ever known even in that city.

### State Inefficiency.

Some of the able men of the south, who have come down to us from ante-bellum days, with all the old ideas of states rights, are opposing the federal control of corporations, claiming they should be controlled in the states where they have been incorporated. The failure of state action has been fully evidenced, in railroads especially.

The business before them is never ending. What little has been done is only of local effect. For all Missouri knows, when it equalizes a rate, the railroad may be getting even in Illinois or in Kansas or wherever it may have territory, giving some other state something to fret over and fuss. A merry game of blind man's bluff! One state may correct an abuse from which the forty-three others may suffer indefinitely because of the apathy and methods of the legal department of the railroads.

An ideal condition could only be reached by simultaneous decisive action by forty-four states against the scores of railroad corporations and their combinations. To suggest the idea exposes its impracticability. The thought brings on headache—the fallacy of it, the futility of it. The power is not there. It seems that the president is not only right, but profoundly so, in demanding for the federal government ample power to do swiftly and completely what the country wants done, make the humblest shipper stand upon equal ground with the Standard Oil company and other big shippers who have outraged the integrity of trade in enjoining secret concessions at the hands of the railroads.

The Phoenix, Arizona, Enterprise is authority for the information that J. C. Adams, chairman of the anti-joint statehood league, states that during the past two weeks not less than 10,000 letters have been sent out to eastern people asking them to turn in to members of congress, asking them to work against jointure of New Mexico and Arizona within the next few days. To copy from the New Mexican, The Citizen sent only say as that paper said of similar documents sent from this territory in favor of jointure. "The fact that these were written by the same man and were paid for out of the slush fund of the league is not alluded to. There is such a thing as being discreetly silent at times."

Governor B. B. Brooks, of Wyoming: Regarding federal control of life insurance and the practice of certain insurance companies to maintain a fund for the purpose of influencing legislation, I believe the investigations now taking place in New York state will be of great benefit to our people in giving them information and facts upon which to base future questions of legislation, and if the federal government has the power to control life insurance, a conservative federal law, framed along the lines of national control of life insurance, would doubtless be of benefit to the entire nation. Where funds have been used unlawfully to influence state legislation, criminal proceedings should be instituted without fear or favor against the guilty parties.

### LOCAL PARAGRAPHS

Stern, Schloss & Co. today received a card of greeting from the money king, who is right toward home and president as to whether the railroads will control the government of the country.

A. B. McAdams, who has been in New York on business, returned last night.

Attorney R. E. Twitchell, of Las Vegas, is in the city on legal business.

Henry Huntley and Dwight Henry are at the James hot springs on a pleasure trip.

Walter O'Brien, territorial cattle inspector at Las Vegas, is in the city on business.

A cartload of Claret, Port, Sherry and Muscadine Wines was received by Stern, Schloss & Co.

Mrs. Anna Klemmer and Miss Mary Klemmer, of Baltimore, are visiting for a few days in Albuquerque.

Hon. E. A. Miers, county treasurer and collector of Sandoval county, returned home to Cuba last evening.

L. P. Woodhead, who has been spending a few days in Albuquerque, is at last coming for his home in Colorado, Texas.

Henry Holmes, employee of the Santa Fe at El Paso this morning, came up from El Paso this morning. They expect to move to Albuquerque.

Ralph H. Johnson arrived from Cleveland last evening to visit his father, W. H. Johnson, president of the American Lumber company, for a few weeks.

Mrs. H. W. Ballard and daughter left on train No. 1 last evening for Phoenix, Ariz., where they will join Mr. Ballard and make their future home.

El Quiroz left last night for Los Lunas, Valencia and Peralta, where he goes for the purpose of taking testimony in small land holdings and Indian deputation claims.

Phil E. Giraldi, the popular representative of the American Tobacco company in this city, left last night for New York on a matrimonial mission. Mr. Giraldi will return to Albuquerque with his bride where he will make his future home.

Albuquerque lodge of Eagles will repay their wives this evening for the good time showed them some time ago with a social evening. The program includes vocal and instrumental music, a banquet and dancing. A great time can be anticipated.

The Clayton Enterprise says: Rev. Harwood, of Albuquerque, superintendent of the American Methodist affairs in this territory, is here conducting a revival at the Mexican Methodist church. Dr. Harwood is being assisted by Rev. A. C. Gonzalez, the pastor of this church.

E. M. Ballard will speak on "Christian Socialism" before the Six O'clock club of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, in the parlors of the Lead Avenue Hotel, at 8:30 o'clock this evening. This is the first of a series of lectures to be given by the club, at which popular subjects will be discussed.

Chief Vicente, of the Navajos, a most picturesque aborigine, well and favorably known in this city, died yesterday of pneumonia, aged about 60 years. Chief Vicente was famed as a brave, a man, possessed many noble ideas, and high intellectual endowments. He lived about forty miles from Gallup and was quite wealthy.

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Perry, of Shelbyville, Ky., came in from the south this morning and will probably remain here a few days as the most of the Kentucky home in October, and since then have visited Colorado Springs, Denver and El Paso. Mrs. Perry, who is the daughter of J. M. Logan, one of the well known democratic politicians of Shelby county, Kentucky, has a slight touch of asthma, and the last day she could receive benefit from the clear, dry atmosphere of this valley.

The nightly rehearsals which are taking place at the Elks theater in preparation for the big musical performance soon to be produced by local talent under the auspices of the Albuquerque amateur dramatics, are going on very busily. The making of the participants very adept in their assigned parts. Manager Cavanaugh states that everything is moving smoothly and if indications count for anything, then the public will see a "side-splitter" in minstrelsy and no mistake.

Architect J. L. La Driere has awarded the contract for the new Maroon block on Railroad avenue, to Wallace Haselden. It will be a two-story structure of brick and stone. The Standard Plumbing company will install the plumbing and heating apparatus. Wallace, who is at present decaying the building which the new one will replace, have leased the new structure for a long period. O. N. Maroon, the owner, will have an up to date and modern building in every respect well completed.

Civil Engineer Pat Ross is transacting business in Santa Fe today.

Judge Severino Crockett left this morning on a business trip to Chicago.

The preliminary oratorical contest will be held tomorrow night rather than this evening as announced.

Attorney Edgeworth Insull returned this morning from a business trip to Berkeley, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Col. W. M. Berger, secretary of the Helen Town and Improvement company, is in the city and authorizes The Citizen to state that he will be at the office of W. P. Metcalf this and tomorrow evening.

The Misses Christina L. and Emily H. Roe of New York city and Philadelphia, respectively, stopped off in Albuquerque this morning enroute to California. The ladies will continue their journey on No. 7 this evening.

Alamo Hive, No. 1, Ladies of the Maccos, held its regular review this afternoon in Oak Hollow hall. The meeting commenced at 2:30 o'clock and was largely attended. Business of a routine nature was transacted.

The condition of Dr. C. H. Conner, the well known osteopath, has been steadily improving. He will leave for his home in Chicago this afternoon. Indications now point favorably toward Dr. Conner's complete restoration to health.

Messrs. Johnson and Truwell have taken a lease on the Albright store room, corner Third street and Copper avenue, and intend to open up in a very few days a fine restaurant. The gentlemen come to the city from Kansas City and are thorough business men.

Alex. Road, district attorney of the First judicial district, with headquarters at El Paso, Amarillo, was in attendance at the Second district court today. Mr. Road is one of the best known criminal lawyers of the southwest and came to Albuquerque to assist in the prosecution of Emilio McClure, who this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of double murder.

M. L. Stern, senior member of the wholesale liquor firm of Stern,

Schloss & Co., has come to Albuquerque to assist Mr. Stern in directing the business of the company from this point, and has rented apartments in the Parkview Terrace, on Eighth street, for his family, who will arrive from Louisville, Colo., the latter part of the week. Stern, Schloss & Co., have a wholesale house at Leadville, where Mr. Stern made his headquarters previous to coming to Albuquerque.

Judge A. J. Abbott has returned to his home in Santa Fe.

A. E. Raveller, of Paraje, is a business man in the city.

Two men were entertained last evening by Mr. E. Hickey at his home on North Walter street.

Mrs. J. Miller, of Belvidere, Ill., and Miss Gertrude Anderson, of Elgin, Ill., are here to remain during the winter.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual Christmas hop next Wednesday of the Commercial club.

John C. Farrell, of Chicago, is in the city for the purpose of organizing a foot union among the waiters and waitresses.

Natives of this territory are returning in large numbers from Colorado where they have been engaged in the last harvest.

The first annual prize ball of the waiters and waitresses of Albuquerque will be held at the Casino Thursday evening, December 21.

E. C. Clark, of Pueblo, Colo., has purchased the livery and pool parlor on Railroad avenue from William Shaw. Mr. Shaw will return to Trinidad, Colo.

To accommodate the Christmas shoppers the management of the M. Mandell clothing store has decided to remain open each evening the coming week.

Mrs. H. Knapp of Albuquerque, N. M., has returned home, after visiting her son, S. H. Knapp and wife, 230 Crosby street—Jamestown, N. Y., Evening Citizen.

If you make the mistake of thinking that Albuquerque is not a good place to do business, look over the advertisements in The Evening Citizen and be convinced of your error.

W. H. Hanna, librarian of the Santa Fe reading room at San Marcial, on the Rio Grande division, was in the city today on his way to Los Angeles where he will spend the holidays.

Every page of the Evening Citizen has something of interest to the reading public. We strive to give something of interest in every line. Every page has good, live news. Read them all.

The Albuquerque Mesa Driving club announces that it will give a matinee race meeting at the new track a week from next Sunday afternoon. Several local sport celebrities are slated to shake their feet on this occasion.

"Mama" was presented last evening at Colombo hall by the Rodriguez Spanish Opera company, to a large and well pleased audience. The music was sparkling and catchy and the vein of comedy all that could be desired.

The young ladies' basket ball team of the University of New Mexico, will on tomorrow evening play a game with the team of young ladies representing the Albuquerque Indian school. The exciting contest will be pulled off at the Casino.

D. W. Hitchcock, of San Marcial, a master mechanic of the Santa Fe railroad, was in the city today enroute to Los Angeles, where he will spend the holidays as the guest of his son, John Hitchcock, superintendent of the California division of the Santa Fe.

The Eagles entertained their lady friends in a very pleasant manner at their lodge rooms last night. The features of the affair were games, dancing and a short musical program. By giving this treat, the Eagles paid the ladies a debt due them for one given some time ago.

Charles Schaefer, of Santa Fe, where he is connected with the depot office of the railway postoffice, has gone to Sacramento, Cal., where he has secured a position on the Oroville & Sacramento branch of the postoffice service. W. T. Darroch, who has been railway postmaster and agent out of Albuquerque, will be his successor.

All those, private and otherwise, who intend to have Christmas trees and other Christmas festivities, are requested to report or send in notice of such entertainments for publication in The Evening Citizen. The special holiday edition of The Evening Citizen will be hummers, and this offer would like to have all local entertainments represented.

Ralph Glass, the Boulder, Colo., athlete, has "busted" into notoriety again by appearing as the bone of contention between the Savannah, Ga., ball team and the Boston American league team. The southerners claim Glass because he made them a verbal promise last year to come to them, but it seems that the Boston club have him signed in black and white.

D. W. Lusk was host to a small party of friends at a dinner given at the Alvarado last evening. Mr. Lusk, who recently resigned from the territorial staff of The Evening Citizen, expects to leave this evening for his home at Parsons, Kan. After spending the holidays with relatives, he will go to Washington to witness the closing of the new year's session of congress.

Among those who will contend for oratorical honors at the central high school this evening, is Sam Ho Kee, son of Sam Kee, the South Second street curio dealer, the others being young ladies, Misses Edna Backett, Alice Schaefer and Josephine McDevitt. While Sam Ho Kee is the son of a Chinaman, born in China, he is nevertheless "An American Boy." He has discarded the queue and announces the fact that he desires to become, strictly speaking, an American citizen. He should be encouraged in his efforts to talk and speak the English language, and The Citizen will make a good showing at the contest tonight.

### SCOTTY'S FLYING TRIP

### TO ADVERTISE ROAD.

A pamphlet has just been issued by the Santa Fe Railroad company, telling of the recent breaking run of a Scott special, which made the trip from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Frank Newton Holman, who was on the train, writes a complete account of the trip and the pamphlet is profusely illustrated. Pictures of the nineteen engineers who ran the special, and a map of the route in the book show that at one place in Illinois the train reached a speed of 106.1 miles an hour. The average speed per hour, including all delays, was 50.4 miles, the distance covered being 2,265 miles.

Stern, Schloss & Co. sell Imported Liquors.

## TORTURED FEET AND A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

CONGRESSMAN TAWNEY WRITES OF THE CHRISTMAS MORNING MOST IMPRESSED ON HIS MIND—A NINE-YEAR-OLD BOY'S FESTIVE DAY.

By the Hon. James A. Tawney, Republican House Leader in the Fifty-ninth Congress.

Early Christmas recollections are associated in my mind always with the picture of a great and beautiful church lighted in every part with wax candles—thousands of wax candles—a surprised choir and strains of a wonderful organ; this picture against the background of a cold black morning before sunrise, of frozen, ratty roads, of a bleak, north wind, a breakfast of ginger cookies, and a pair of stiff and crumpled boots which made every step of a three-mile trudge through the darkness a twinge of exquisite pain.

I was 9 years old. My brother was 12, and with superior strength and determination he overruled my desire, due to the boots, to turn back for home. The trouble arose from the fact that we had allowed the boots the night before, and the tallo had hardened; it was necessary to suffer until the warmth of the foot melted the tallo and made the boots less torturous. So we plodded on.

It was our first Christmas festivity. We lived on a farm two miles from Honeo, Pa., in Adams county, Pennsylvania, and brother had conceived the idea of going to mass at the Catholic church three miles distant. For this purpose we had risen before 3 o'clock in the morning, had quietly abstracted some cakes from the jar in the cellar, and as I have described, had suffered the twinge of the foot melted the tallo and made the boots less torturous. So we plodded on.

It seemed big to the 9-year-old boy. And it seemed gorgeous in its illumination. Wax candles I never had heard of; and so many I never dreamed existed. We edged in, with the crowd and stood at the rear of the church, and my boy eyes drank in a scene which never had been nor probably will be forgotten. It was wonderful, spectacular, dramatic to me, and that picture punctuates the vista of past Christmas days like a striking work of art in a gallery of vaguely remembered pictures.



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### THIEF LAID LOW BY BLOW FROM A PISTOL

### HE CONVERTED PROPERTY INTO CASH

### OFFICER THOMAS MAKES AN IMPORTANT CAPTURE AT SANTA FE DEPOT—MEXICAN ROBS A WOMAN OF VALISE.

A valise, containing clothing, jewelry and valuable papers was stolen by a Mexican from Mrs. A. W. Roddy, of Franklin, La., at the Santa Fe depot Saturday night, says the El Paso Herald.

About 1 o'clock Sunday morning Special Santa Fe Officer Thomas came across two Mexicans near some box cars in the Santa Fe yards. One of the men ran off, but the other was stopped by being hit over the head with a six-shooter. He gave his name as Antonio Salazar.

The valise stolen from Mrs. Roddy was found where the officer came upon the man. The contents had been taken out and divided into two bundles. If the officer had arrived five minutes later the Mexicans would have gotten away with the booty.

The valise and contents were returned to Mrs. Roddy, who, after the bold theft, had returned to her hotel. Mrs. Roddy, with three children, went to the Santa Fe depot for the purpose of boarding a train for Las Cruces, N. M., where she was going for her health. When she reached the depot a Mexican offered to carry her valise to the train, which at that time was pulling in. She declined the offer, but the man was persistent, and caught "old" of the valise. Mrs. Roddy was a little suspicious, and held to one of the straps. Getting up to the train, the man placed the valise on the platform, but stood near. When Mrs. Roddy turned her head a moment the Mexican grabbed the valise and disappeared in the darkness.

The robbery was reported immediately to the police station and officers were sent to investigate. A full description of the thief was furnished by Mrs. Roddy. The officers, after several hours of hard work, failed to find the man, and then turned the case over to Officers Meers and Thomas of the Santa Fe. Nothing was seen of the man until 1 o'clock Sunday morning, when Officer Thomas came upon him and his partner near some box cars. The man who got away is the supposed thief who grabbed the valise from Mrs. Roddy. The Mexican who was knocked down and captured by Officer Thomas is supposed to have been implicated in the robbery and assisted in making away with the valise.

This is the boldest robbery at any of the depots in the city for a long time, and the officers intend to prosecute Salazar to the full extent of the law. He is charged with the theft of over \$50.

Not being able to furnish bond, the prisoner was locked up in the county jail.

### M'CLURE NEVER CONFESSED TO DOUBLE MURDER

### HIS SCOUNDNESS OF MIND IS QUESTIONED—STORY OF CONFESSION DOES HIM AN INJURY.

Judge W. C. Heacock stated this morning that a great injustice had been done his client, Emilio McClure, by the story circulated this morning saying that he had confessed that he killed Nicholas Sanchez and Carmel back on the Rio Puerco last summer.

"McClure never has confessed to the murder," continued the attorney. "He pleaded guilty to it, on the advice of his father, after the latter had a long talk with Judge Abbott, and not on the advice of his attorney."

"The most important reason why McClure pleaded guilty was because he is not very sound of mind, and hence he examined for insanity to a much better advantage at the penitentiary than here. The facts of the case are that McClure's mind is so weak that he would not be a safe witness in his own defense."

Mrs. George W. Blenon left Las Vegas for Fredonia, Kan., taking with her the body of her husband for burial. Mr. Blenon was the unfortunate man who was fatally injured in the collision of the Las Vegas yards between a switch engine and hand car. Mrs. Blenon said child were in Pasadena, Cal., when the news of the accident came, and were summoned home by telegraph.

### George H. O'Brien, of Elgin, Ill., the Grant Bros. Construction company, is in the city enroute to Pueblo, where he will spend the holidays.

### AND THEN JUAN SANTISTEVAN MADE ASSIGNMENT OF WHAT WAS LEFT TO HIS CREDITORS.

The report of A. H. Manby, of the administration of the estate of Juan Santistevan, assigned, was filed with the district court at Santa Fe, last Friday. It contains some matters of quite startling import and of unusual interest to the creditors of the estate.

Among other things it is reported that the assignor, Santistevan, shortly prior to the assignment, converted all his last assets into cash. In various specified ways, that the securities so realized on, together with the moneys deposited with the Taos County bank, of which Santistevan was the proprietor, reached a sum of \$61,621.12, in cash, no part of which has ever been accounted for by Santistevan, and that the bulk of the securities realized on, under the laws of the territory, has constituted no assets to liquidate its debts. The inference is plainly made that Santistevan when he assigned, had concealed and reserved about sixty thousand dollars in cash, which he withheld and set aside from his creditors. An investigation and a receiver of the Taos County bank are asked for.

The report further shows that 30 per cent of the face of all assets delivered to the assignee was realized on and is on hand, being \$18,486.34 in excess of the two-thirds conversion as required by law; that the expense of converting the real estate, merchandise and book accounts, into cash, inclusive of office expenses, clerk hire, and court costs, was only 10 per cent of the cash realized.

An able statement as to how the \$102 had become an apparently valueless asset and menace to the estate, were finally converted into a valuable net gain for the estate is set forth.

The report consists of 32 pages, of which 12 pages are devoted to a list of the following officers were elected: Noble Grant, P. L. Duer, vice Grant, Chas. W. G. Ward, secretary, T. M. Elwood, treasurer, W. E. Clifton, trustee for three years, Fred Bradford, cemetery trustee, C. V. Hodgcock.

### LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

### CLAUS COMING IN BUNCHES

### ALL CHILDREN OF ALBUQUERQUE AND SURROUNDING TOWNS INVITED TO WRITE BEFORE NEXT SATURDAY.

It is just two weeks since The Evening Citizen first received a letter from Santa Claus who wrote to us from North Pole Town, in Reindeer Land, asking The Evening Citizen to invite all the children of Albuquerque to write to him, sending the letters in care of the Santa Claus editor of this paper.

Since that date we have received dozens of letters, some of which were published last Saturday, and the remainder of which will be published this coming Saturday. Santa Claus wants to know how old you are, where you live, if you have been good or tried to be good during the past year, what you have done to show Papa and Mama that you have tried to be good, and the one thing that you would most like to have for a Christmas present from Santa Claus.

Write your letters and send them in to the Santa Claus editor of The Evening Citizen, and we will publish them, and as Santa Claus is a constant reader of The Evening Citizen, he will see your letters and find out what you would most like to have.

Old Santa has promised to read all the letters published in The Evening Citizen, and we will publish them, and as Santa Claus is a constant reader of The Evening Citizen, he will see your letters and find out what you would most like to have.

George Wilson, a coast line roadster, has been called to St. Louis owing to the serious illness of his father, W. L. Wilson.